

# **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

## **Minutes**

May 11, 2006  
Salisbury, North Carolina

The Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Salisbury met in regular session on Thursday, May 11, 2006, in the Council Chambers at the City Hall, 217 S. Main Street.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Michael Young.

In addition to Michael Young, the following members were present: Jack Errante, Raemi Evans, Ronald Fleming, Susan Hurt, Anne Lyles, Jeff Sowers, Wayne Whitman

Absent: Mike Fuller

Michael Young welcomed all persons present and read the purpose and procedure for the meeting.

### **Request for Certificates of Appropriateness**

H-13-06 **612 W. Liberty St.** – Jeff Beaver & Andy Knox, owners– Certificate of Appropriateness to: (1) Remove old siding and replace with Hardy Plank lap siding (2) Remove old window in bathroom and 2 windows at back of house (3) Repair retaining wall (4) Repair steps at front door (5) Install new 10'x12' deck at back of house

Andy Knox was sworn to give testimony for the request. Staff presented slides.

Mr. Knox testified that after meeting with the appointed committee on site, he has decided to withdraw the request for removal of siding, but would still need to replace some pieces of the existing siding.

Susan Hurt verified that she, along with Jeff Sowers, had met Mr. Knox at the residence. From their inspection the following recommendations were made:

- Repair asbestos siding with siding that looks the same.
- Removal of 2 windows located in the rear of house that are not visible until you are right upon them.
- Removal of left side rear bathroom window in order to put in a shower; she said the window would not be missed.
- Repair of brick retaining wall with matching brick.
- Widen the existing narrow brick steps.
- Add 10'x12' deck onto rear of house, to be stained.
- Add iron railing around the stoop on front porch.

There being no one present to speak in support or opposition of the request, Susan Hurt made the following motion: “I move that the Commission find the following facts concerning Application #H-13-06 – that Andy Knox, owner of 612 W. Liberty St., appeared before the Commission and sought a Certificate of Appropriateness to 1) Remove old siding and replace with Hardy Plank lap siding (2) Remove old window in bathroom and 2 windows at back of house (3) Repair retaining wall (4) Repair steps at front door (5) Install new 10’x12’ deck at back of house; that no one appeared before the Commission to support or oppose this request, this request should be granted based on The Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation, and Chapter 2 — Changes to Buildings — Windows & Doors, pages 14-17, guidelines 1, 2, 4, 5, 11 and 15; Chapter 2 Changes to Buildings - Decks pages 46-47, guidelines 1-9; and Chapter 4 — Site Features & District Setting — Fences & Walls, pages 54-57, guidelines 1-3, 5, 9 and 11 of the Residential Historic District Design Guidelines; therefore, I further move that a Certificate of Appropriateness for Application #H-21-06 be granted to Andy Knox, owner of 612 W. Liberty Street to make the changes detailed in the application with the following changes agreed to by the applicant: removed windows are to be kept on premises; asbestos siding should be repaired with siding that looks the same though made of a different material; remove pair of windows on rear of house; remove 1 window on left rear side of house; repair retaining wall with identical brick; widen steps of front stoop with matching brick; install iron railing around existing stoop; add 10’x12’ deck on rear of house that will be stained when appropriate.”

Ronald Fleming seconded the motion; all members present voted AYE.

**H-17-06 501 W. Monroe St.** – Marsha K. Hyll, owner – Certificate of Appropriateness for (1) pergola located in back of lot, 12’Wx9 ½”H with round columns to reflect front porch/living room (2) overhead trellis over garage.

Marsha Hyll was sworn to give testimony for the request.

Staff presented slides as Ms. Hyll presented her requests.

She testified that after purchasing the home she decided that a pergola would be perfect for entertaining in her yard, and proposed that it be located on the back of her property. She referred Commission members to the submitted pictures which showed that the pergola would be 12’ wide x 9 ½’ in height.

Ms. Hyll further testified that an overhead trellis would be placed on the existing garage in order to make it more decorative. The wood trellis will be painted and later stained.

There was no one present to speak in support or opposition to the requests.

Anne Lyles made the following motion: “I move that the Commission find the following facts concerning Application #H-17-06 – that Marsha Hyll, owner, 501 W. Monroe St., appeared before the Commission and sought a Certificate of Appropriateness for

(1) pergola located in back of lot, 12'W x 9 ½'H with round columns to reflect front porch/living room (2) overhead trellis over garage; that no one appeared before the Commission to support or oppose this request, this request should be granted based on The Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and Chapter 4 — Site Features & District Setting, pages 54-55, guidelines 3 and 7 of the Residential Historic District Design Guidelines; therefore, I further move that a Certificate of Appropriateness for Application #H-17-06 be granted to Marsha Hyll, owner, 501 W. Monroe St., to make the changes detailed in the application.”

Wayne Whitman seconded the motion; all members present voted AYE.

H-20-06 **130 W. Innes St.** – Rowan County, owner – Jim Sides, applicant – Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of wall sign on front façade: 12” upper case Helvetica style - **TABLED**

H-21-06 **114 W. Thomas St.** – Nathaniel Means, owner – Certificate of Appropriateness for new windows relative to application #H-52-05 (see attached minutes) – **MOVED TO JUNE AGENDA**

H-22-06 **124 E. Innes St.** – B & H Investment Group, owner – Certificate of Appropriateness to brick the area located left of the entrance, cover with cement and paint White (a revision to previously approved application #H-08-06) – **ABSENT**

H-23-06 **427 W. Thomas St.** – Robert Harper, owner – Certificate of Appropriateness to install 12'x10' storage building in rear yard: wood with shingled roof - **ABSENT**

H-24-06 **105 E. Fisher St.** – Watkins Agency, Inc., owner; Al Torres, applicant and agent – Certificate of Appropriateness to install awning over main entrance door; awning to be sunbrella canvas: Black body with “canvas” color trim; awning style to be quarter round convex. Restaurant name *Cartucci's* to be printed on apron - **ABSENT**

H-25-06 **214 E. Fisher St.** – Matthew Cross, owner – Certificate of Appropriateness to tint two 9'x 9' windows and 2 sliding doors with light reflective tint; windows are facing Fisher St. – **ABSENT**

### **Committee Report**

Minor works: There were no questions of the submitted minor works report.

## **Old Business**

### Update on Preservation Month events

Jack Thomson came forward to give a report of activities planned for Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

He informed the Commission that the Historic Preservation Commission, Downtown Salisbury, and the Historic Salisbury Foundation and sponsors have plans for the following activities to commemorate Preservation Month:

- Scavenger Hunt with focus on the historic districts –
- Walking tour of the following sites, 11 a.m. -3:00 p.m.:
  - Miller Davis Studios in The Washington Building at 116 N. Main St.,
  - 113 E. Innes & A Place in Time Photography @117 East Innes St., and the
  - Hall House Kitchen
  - Firehouse Urban Lofts, 202 E. Fisher St.
- Ice Cream Social @ The Bell Tower, 3:00 p.m.

Janet Gapen informed the Commission that the clues for the scavenger hunt will be posted in the May 18<sup>th</sup> edition of The Salisbury Post. She said 49 persons have committed as sponsors.

Michael Young described the lay-out for the newspaper. He informed Commission members that along with himself and Janet, Dr. Gary Freeze helped to select the clues. Dr. Freeze will also grade the entries. The names of persons who score at least a “C” will be entered into a drawing for a variety of prizes. The drawings will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> prior to the monthly meeting.

In addition to the plans already laid out for Preservation Month, Michael Young suggested press releases throughout the month highlighting different things.

Janet Gapen stated that the Proclamation for Preservation Month was presented by the Mayor at the City Council meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Janet also gave information pertaining to the slide show which she has prepared for Access 16.

Jack Thomson said the Foundation would like to invite the Mayor, City Council members, HPC members and other city leaders to Park Avenue Methodist Church for a tour and program relative to the history of the McCubbins-McCanless House at a date to be announced.

Mr. Thomson asked that anyone who is aware of properties that would be eligible for revolving funds to please let him know. Michael Young stated that the Fulton Heights Association is in the process of identifying properties that need landlord attention. Janet Gapen further stated that the Community Appearance Commission is working on an inventory of houses that are in serious needs of attention.

Wayne Whitman informed Mr. Thomson of a house located in the vicinity of the prison site that needs attention, especially since they have so many people visiting the site.

Mr. Thomson said he was aware of the property.

#### Update on public education efforts

Janet Gapen informed the Commission that the customer service staff in the water department has been given a list of all the addresses located within a historic district. The addresses are flagged so that when the request is made for water to be turned on staff would immediately be aware that the address is in a local district. They will, in turn, have a prepared package of information for persons moving into a flagged address which will make the customer aware that they are moving into a house that is located within one of the districts. Janet said, "This is a critical improvement."

#### Nominating Committee

Susan Hurt made a motion to accept the following recommendations from the nominating committee for chair and vice-chair for the 2006-'07 fiscal year: Chair – Michael Young; Vice-Chair – Wayne Whitman. Jack Errante seconded the motion; all members present voted AYE.

#### Goals Update

Janet Gapen reminded Commission members that 2 of their goals required funding; the amount requested for yard signs would probably not be funded. She said \$20,000 was the amount requested for amendments to the National Register District which she thinks will probably be funded. She stated that she would like to bring the recommendations that were made by the State Historic Preservation Office of the proposed additions to the National Register District to the June meeting for review.

#### Guidelines Committee

Jack Errante, Raemi Evans, and Ron Fleming volunteered to work on the Guidelines Committee, along with Janet. She will advise them later of a meeting date.

#### **Minutes**

The April 2006 minutes were approved with corrections.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Michael Young, Chairman

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Judy Jordan, Secretary

